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International Application No.:	PCT/EP01/09049		
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Title of Invention:	ASSEMBLY FOR INCREASING THE DEPTH DISCRIMINATION OF AN OPTICAL IMAGING SYSTEM (Anordnung zue Erhöhung der Tiefendiskriminierung Optisch Abboldender Systeme)		
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Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:

- [X] 1. This is a **FIRST** submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.
- [] 2. This is a SECOND or SUBSEQUENT submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.
- [] 3. This express request to begin national examination procedures [35 U.S.C. 371 (f)] at any time rather than delay examination until the expiration of the applicable time limit set forth in 35 U.S.C. 371(b) and PCT Articles 22 and
- [] 4. A proper Demand for International Preliminary Examination was made by the 19th month from the earliest claimed priority date.
- [X] 5. A copy of Publication WO 02/12945 14FEB02 the International Application as filed [35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)]
 - a) _ is transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau)
 - b) _ has been transmitted by the international Bureau
 - c) _ is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US)
- [] 6. A translation of Publication WO 02/12945 14FEB02 the International Application into English [35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)] **TO FOLLOW**
- [] 7. Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 [35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)]
 - a) __ are transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau)
 - b) _ have been transmitted by the International Bureau
 - c) _ have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired.
 - d) _ have not been made and will not be made
- [] 8. A translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 [35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)]
- [] 9. An EXECUTED Oath or declaration of the inventor(s) [35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)] Executed Decl/POA TO FOLLOW
- [] 10. A translation of the annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 [35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)]

Items 11. to 16. Below concern other document(s) or information included:

- [X] 11. An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 C.F.R. 1.97 and 1.98
- [] 12. An Assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet (PTO-1619A) in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included.
- [] 13. _ A FIRST preliminary amendment TO FOLLOW
 - _ A SECOND or SUBSEQUENT preliminary amendment
- [] 14. A substitute specification TO FOLLOW
- [] 15. A change of power of attorney and/or address letter
- [X] 16. (other items or information) PCT/RO/101, Search Report: (PCT/ISA/210) 05FEB02, German Examination Report 03JAN01, PTO-1449 w/5 references (with 3 English Abstracts).

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I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service Express mail under 37 CFR 1.10 on the date indicated above and is addressed to: BOX PCT, Commissioner for Patents, Washington, DC 20231.

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JC13 Recid PCT/PTO 0 3 ARR 2002 U.S. Application No. (if known, see 37 C.F.R. 1:50): Attorney's Docket No: GK-ZEI-3161 / 500343.20162 International Application No.: PCT/EP01/09049 PTO USE ONLY CALCULATIONS 10/089878 [X] 17. The following fees are submitted: BASIC NATIONAL FEE [37 CFR 1.492(a)(1)-(5)] 890.00 Search Report has been prepared by the EPO or JPO [X] 710.00 International preliminary examination fee paid to USPTO [37 CFR 1.482] [] No International preliminary examination fee paid to USPTO [37 CFR 1.482] 740.00 [] but International search fee paid to USPTO [37 CFR 1.445(a)(2) \$ 1.040.00 Neither International preliminary examination fee [37 CFR 1.482] nor International search fee [37 CFR 1.445(a)(2)] paid to USPTO International preliminary examination fee paid to USPTO [37 CFR 1.482] and all claims satisfied provisions of PCT Article 33(1)-(4) []100.00 ENTER APPROPRIATE BASIC FEE AMOUNT: \$890.00 Rate Claims Number Number Extra Filed -20 \$ 18. = 20 **Total Claims** \$ 84. = -03 1 Indep. Claims \$ 280. = [_] Multiple Dependent Claim(s) (if applicable) + **TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS:** \$890.00 Surcharge of \$130.00 for furnishing the oath or declaration later than [] 20 [] 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date [37 CFR 1.492(e)] **TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS:** \$890.00 Applicant claims Small Entity Status [See 37 CFR 1.27] Reduction by ½ for filing by small entity SUBTOTAL: \$890.00 Processing fee of \$130.00 for furnishing the English Translation later than [] 20 [] 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date [37 CFR 1.492(f)] **TOTAL NATIONAL FEE:** \$890.00 Fee for recording the enclosed assignment [37 CFR 1.21(h)] The assignment must be accompanied by an appropriate cover sheet (PTO-1595) [37 CFR 3.28, 3.31].\$ 40.00 per property TOTAL FEE(S): \$890.00 REFUNDED \$ AMOUNTS TO BE **CHARGED** \$ REFUNDED OR CHARGED (Please note the filing fee is based on the claims in the Preliminary-Amendment) Check in the amount of \$ 890.00 to cover the above fees is enclosed. (The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any [X] additional fees required with this submission or to credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No: 50-1529.) NOTE: Where an appropriate time limit under 36 CFR 1.494 or 1.495 has not been met, a petition to revive [37 CFR 1.137(a) or (b)] must be filed and granted to restore the application to pending status.

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